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Bridge 'repair' unsafe for fire trucks

Don Howard
Staff Writer

The long awaited re-opening of the Hines Park bridge closed last year after a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) inspection revealed serious safety issues may not be the news Plymouth Township Fire Department officials were hoping for.

Last week Manager Kevin Gunn of the Wayne County Bridge Division said because the bridges were not re-built, but repaired, there would be restrictions on the weight limits.

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Gunn said when the bridges are re-opened the county will impose a new less-than-3-ton vehicle weight restriction that will force township fire and emergency vehicles to continue to take a time-consuming detour through a residential area when responding to the northeast part of the township, including its largest subdivision, Lake Pointe.

Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips said the weight restrictions "will definitely add to our response time," should equipment be required from Fire Station No. 1, on Haggerty. The fire department has had a long-established detour through Hines Park because of the probability of trains blocking the crossing at Haggerty Road.

Gunn said the new 26,000 to 32,000 gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) restrictions would allow, "cars, buses, fire engines, trucks and cyclists" to use the bridges.

Phillips said the newest of the township fire engines weighs 56,000 pounds and he has had "no assurance they (the bridges) are safe."

Type C school buses, also known as "Conventional" typi-

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Connie Holzer displays a few of the awards she received last week from Ford Motor Co., the City of Farmington Hills, the State of Michigan and Ford Motor Credit Co. recognizing her business performance. Photo by Dave Willett

Tiny titan

Connie Holzer awarded multiple honors from Ford, state and city

She barely makes it to 5 feet tall, but when Connie Holzer stands on her reputation and success, she towers over the competition.

Last week, Ford Motor Co., Ford Motor Credit Corp., The City of Farmington Hills and the State of Michigan all joined in congratulating Holzer on the performance and success of Tom Holzer Ford, recognized as one of the best performing dealerships in the country. Friends, coworkers, customers and dignitaries crowded the showroom last week to help celebrate the honors, two of which came as a surprise to Holzer. While she was expecting the Ford awards, the city honor and state certificate took her by surprise-which isn't an easy feat, her staff members confirmed.

Holzer has been at the helm of the dealership since the death of her husband in 2006. His death after 51 years of marriage came just as the economic recession was looming and car sales plummeting. Holzer was faced with some significant challenges and very difficult decisions. She had worked in the business as she was able, having six children before the age of 24, and had seen firsthand the demanding schedule a successful dealership requires of an owner.

"After Tom's death, I came to the dealership and my son, Buzzy, who was the general manager, told me that if I was going to sell the business, I needed to have a meeting with the staff and tell them that myself. Nobody else was going to do it," she said during the award presentations last week. She said she went home and thought about the situation, made sure she could mortgage her home to help fund the business and went back to talk to the employees.

"I told them if you believe in me, we'll make it together," she said. "If not, we'll go broke together. This dealership, the awards, this is the product of them. This team of mine, they do it, not me," she said. "I have the best team in the country."

Holzer said she was overwhelmed with the presentation of the most prestigious and coveted awards Ford presents. Tom Holzer Ford is the fifth largest dealership in Metro Detroit, and the 12th

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Canton receives high marks on financial audit

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The annual audit of Canton Township finances found no internal deficiencies and a significant boost to the municipal budget. Auditors lauded the township for the financial practices and gave the township financial reporting a clean bill of health.

The conclusions of the 2018 audit were discussed at the June 11 meeting of the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

"The report is complicated but accurate and well done," said Township Trustee John Anthony at the meeting. Anthony asked about retiree benefit costs for the year ending Dec. 31, 2018.

Alisha Watkins, a partner at Plante Moran, a firm that performs many municipal audits throughout the state, responded.

"You're not out of the woods yet," on deferred capital and legacy costs, which include employee pensions. "It's not something that you've done wrong," she added.

Wendy Trumbull, Canton finance and budget director, noted the mortality tables used in the compilation of the retiree benefit costs, which are complicated with people living longer.

Trustee Steven Sneideman asked about retirement cost liability, with Trumbull replying, "We were within the legal limits the state has authorized."

Township Supervisor Pat Williams said he was pleased with the audit and praised those who worked on it.

Melanie Crowther of Plante Moran said the legacy costs are significant.

"It is a significant liability that all communities are facing," she said, but added that Canton is well positioned to address such costs.

Water rates to rise in City of Northville

City of Northville residents can expect to see an increase on their water bills this year.

Northville has been assessed a 10-percent operating buffer for water rates, based on exceeding the maximum flow limits contracted with Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) last summer. Peak water usage typically occurs at the beginning of summer and extends into September, depending on the weather. Last year, hot, dry conditions led to over watering by hundreds of homeowners.

New water rates will take effect July 1 and residents will see water costs of $10.05 per unit (1,000 gallons) and sewer rates of $7.15 per unit. Combined, the new costs are about a $1.18 per unit increase from 2018 rates, officials said.

"The penalty ($130,000) contributes to the higher rates being charged this year," said City of Northville Department of Public Works Director Loyd Cureton. "The most effective way to reduce the 10-percent operating buffer we have is to control the city's lawn irrigation."

Officials said that the city will begin a vigilant monitoring of water usage and will issue violations to homeowners found to be noncompliant with water restrictions. The restrictions have been enacted to help ensure that water usage is within contracted amounts without reaching the 10 percent buffer. The peak amount is based on how much water is used in any one hour and on any one day.

Residents with underground irrigation systems (automatic sprinkling systems) may only water grass between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. on odd or even days based on the house address. Addresses ending in an even number, e.g. 2994, can water on even numbered dates of the month, the second, fourth, sixth, etc. Addresses ending with an odd number, e.g. 2993, can water on off-numbered dates of the month such as the first, third, fifth, seventh, etc. etc.

Residents who water their lawns and gardens manually with a hose or with a sprinkler attached to a hose may only water between the hours of 11 a.m. to midnight on odd or even days based on the home address.

Residents who ignore the restrictions will be committing a civil infraction and be issued a violation which will result in a fine of $50 for the first offense and $100 for repeat offenses.

Rates will also increase for meter replacement, refuse and recycling and service charges effective July 1. Meter replacement fees will increase from $5.57 to $6.67 and service charges

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Canton - Plymouth

Warm welcome

New fire truck delivered to Plymouth Township

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township firefighters celebrated the arrival of a new $635,000 fire engine last week with a time-honored tradition that goes back 100 years. In what is known as a "Push-In" ceremony, the firefighters--joined by Fire Chief Dan Phillips–lined up on the front bumper and pushed the 56,000-pound rig into its new home.

The celebration harkens back to the 18th and 19th century when horses were disconnected and early hand-drawn fire engines, ladder wagons, hose carts and other pieces of equipment had to be pushed back into the station house.

The fire new engine, a 2018 Pierce Enforcer Pumper, was ordered last year after the township received a $400,000 state grant fostered by House Rep. Jeff Noble. The balance of the cost for the fire engine was supplemented by a $400,00 option arrangement negotiated by Township Supervisor Kurt Heise and approved by the members of the board of trustees. The option, offered by Verizon Wireless, was for the company to purchase a communications easement for the cell tower located on township property at the DPW yard. The funds were then used toward the purchase of a new rescue squad ambulance.

During the past two years there has been a concerted effort to re-build the fire department apparatus and equipment. Heise said that "for the most part" board members have gone along with his recommendations and those of the fire chief, albeit occasionally not without heated challenges.

Recently, board members have stalled executive recommendations to capture $600,000 in revenue now going to private ambulance company HVA for patient transport–funds that could go back to the fire department. According to township records, HVA-Huron Valley Ambulance Co. has conducted business inside the township without a contractual agreement or performance obligation, maintaining restricted control over patient care since 1991, keeping all of the revenue. Board members have vacillated on the transport issue for almost a year after conducting a formal bid inquiry with HVA and competitors. Officials say they have documented the response reliability of HVA under the current informal arrangement and it is at best, "fragmented, inconsistent and often times slow," and as some board members agree, not at all cost effective, and not in the best interest of the patients.

Plymouth Township fire fighters and Chief Dan Phillips push the new fire engine into the station during a time-honored "push-in" tradition that goes back 100 years. Photo by Don Howard

Informed sources say township police and fire administrators are now meeting with HVA to fix communication problems and possibly address the issues involved with transferring patients to HVA, after they are stabilized. HVA dispatchers are trained in EMD- Emergency Medical Dispatch. Trained certified "Telecommunicators' as they are called use EMD guidelines and can quickly determine the nature and priority of the 9-1-1 call, dispatch the appropriate ambulance, then give the caller instructions to help treat the patient until the responding EMS unit arrives. Under the grandfathered current system, the township emergency response dispatch service provides all 9-1-1 medical calls to HVA, in addition to the township Fire Department, in order that HVA be allowed to respond, if they so desire and are able.

Fire Department patient transport has since become an issue greeted with derision and genuine concern by residents who have taken sides based on limited accurate information and social media flap.

Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington says if the township board authorizes the fire department to transport patients, he would be required to send his dispatchers for EMD training at estimated cost of $90,000.

There is no date set for the board members to review the patient transport recommendations.

Rotary winners

Kurt Olsen, chairman of the Noon Rotary Club Technical and Career Scholarship Committee, recently presented financial awards to graduating seniors going into vocational training programs. Winners included Jadetien Palmer who will pursue a nursing career at Eastern Michigan University; Mason Richard who will attend Schoolcraft Community College pursuing a degree in visual arts and sound design; Abdul Haqiqat who will pursue and engineering degree at Schoolcraft Community College; Andrew McClain Rushing who will pursue a career in cyber security at Schoolcraft Community College; Rebecca Thornton who plans to attend Wayne State for a career in social work; Vinicius Botelho Paiva who will study mecatronics at Schoolcraft Community College; Kylee Middleton who is going into the culinary arts program at Schoolcraft Community College; Madison Ray who will attend Johnson & Wales in pursuit of a career in culinary arts; Hayley Rodriguez will study for her nursing degree at Schoolcraft Community College; Brooke Dorsey will also attend Schoolcraft Community college in the culinary arts program and Reham Abdellatif, who was not in attendance at the presentation, will attend Schoolcraft Community College pursuing a career as a dental hygienist. Photo by Dave Willett

Summer Solstice celebrated

Canton Township will celebrate the Summer Solstice from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, June 21. The free community event will take place near the Heritage Hideout Playscape in Heritage Park, located behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

All ages are encouraged to get the most out of the longest day of the year and enjoy an evening of fun in the late sun. Activities will include backyard games, such as cornhole, 9 square, connect four and more.

"We're so excited to host this family-friendly event on the official first day of summer, which is also the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere," said Recreation Specialist Laura Mortier.

Additional activities include face painting, cool treats and crafts while a DJ will also be onsite spinning family-friendly tunes. There is no rain date for this event should it be cancelled.

For more information contact (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2019 & Friday, July 5, 2019 in observance of Independence Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 8, 2019.

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE

Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
JULY 11th, 2019

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, July 11th, 2019 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Greg Greco and James Malinowski.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes:
June 13th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Applicant Craig Rachwitz, for property located at 7904 Thornwood on the north side of Thornwood between Birklan Drive and Janice Drive, Zoning R-1, appealing 4.01 Section E Subsection 2, Off-Street Parking Requirements, Recreational Vehicle Parking in Residential Districts. Parcel ID 71-023-03-0063-000 (Building)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org CN1904 - 062019 2.5 x 4.389

Synopsis of Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings

Members: Supervisor Pat Williams, Clerk Michael Siegrist, Treasurer Dian Slavens
Trustees: John Anthony, Sommer Foster, Anne Graham-Hudak, Steven Sneideman
Special Meeting: 05/08/19 Synopsis: Closed session discussion
Regular Meeting 05/14/19 Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website
Regular Study Session 05/21/2019: Review and discussion concerning PSD building improvements
Regular Meeting 05/28/2019: Approved consent and general calendars as posted in full on website

Copies of the complete Board minutes can be found for free at www.canton-mi.org. Minutes can also be viewed or copied at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI during normal business hours. Call 734-394-5120 for more information. CN1905 - 062019 2.5 x 1.37

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING
July 17, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 35.2 A, Site Condominiums, to allow two lot widths within the proposed Maybury Meadow development (ID# 77 023 99 0018 702) to be less than 125' wide as required by ordinance.

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Dirty trick

Reward offered for return of bikes stolen from home of quadriplegic

Lifelong Romulus resident Todd Hammons, a 30-year quadriplegic, has loved dirt bikes his entire life. Hammons frequently rode bikes until an accident in 1989, but has continued to collect bikes over the years.

Earlier this spring, Hammons had seven dirt bikes stolen from his home and he's asking the community for help in finding answers.

Crime Stoppers of Michigan is offering a cash reward of up to $2,000 for any information that leads to an arrest in the case.

Surveillance shows the robbery in progress from just before 2 a.m. until 3 a.m. on April 4 at Hammons' home on Homefield Street near Middlebelt and Northline Roads in Romulus.

Authorities say the suspects rented a U-Haul truck and broke into Hammons' garage through a window which the thieves pried open. The suspects then cut the locks on the roll-up garage door and loaded the dirt bikes into the U-Haul at approximately 3 a.m. No descriptions of any suspects were given.

"We stand in support of Mr. Hammons and want the people responsible for this cruel and inconsiderate act to be brought to justice," Crime Stoppers officials said in a press release.

Those who submit tips to Crime Stoppers will remain anonymous. Rewards are paid when an arrest is made -- they do not wait for a conviction, according to the organization website. Anyone who has any information regarding this robbery is asked to make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP or visit the Crime Stoppers website.

Romulus resident Todd Hammons, a 30-year quadriplegic, is hoping the reward offered by Crime Stoppers will lead to the return of his stolen dirt bike collection.

Construction begins on long-awaited Van Buren splash pad

Construction has begun on the long-anticipated Quirk Park Splash Pad in Van Buren Township.

The amenity, under the auspices of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA), is located at 46425 Tyler Road. The new park facility will be the largest splash park in Wayne County with a total footprint of 6,359 square feet. The spray area of facility is more than 4,070 square feet and includes a dump bucket and 19 different spray features with a variety of pressure levels to easily accommodate zones for toddlers to teens, officials said. Benches, shade sails and picnic seating will be incorporated into the outer ring of the dry zone, with fencing surrounding the perimeter of the pad. No standing water provides additional safety for children, eliminating the need for lifeguards, officials from the DDA explained.

The artist's rendering of the new Quirk Park Splash Pad now under construction in Van Buren Township.

Fully funded by the DDA, the Van Buren Civic Fund and the township, the Splash Pad will create another destination and gathering spot for the community, attracting both visitors and residents of all ages, according to officials, and will cultivate an environment that promotes inclusive play, motor skill improvement, cognitive development and socialization.

During construction, employees from the township Department of Public Services and the Parks and Recreation Department will be managing several enhancements throughout Quirk Park, including the improvement of the pedestrian circulation within the park, a refresh of the playground equipment, way-finding signage and allocation of accessible parking spaces to allow for functional ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) compliance.

Also included in the Quirk Park project is an area privately funded by Chuck Covington as a memorial to of his daughter, Egypt Covington. The area will encompass two benches, trees, landscaping and a monument marker.

For more information, contact the Van Buren Township DDA, at (734) 699-8941 or visit VanBurenDDA.com.

Library offers summer programs

Upcoming summer reading program events have been scheduled at the Romulus Public Library through August.

The program will all take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at the library, unless otherwise noted.

July 2 will be Pajama Movie Night and the movie will be "Wonder Park" which is rated PG; July 9 Miz Rosie the Storyteller will appear discussing "Life and Times of Maya Angelou"; July 16 will feature a visit from Repco Wildlife with live animals.

The next program moves from Tuesday to Thursday, July 18 and will feature Teens/Tweens - Far Out: Is There Life in Outer Space?

Another change takes place with a 6:30 p.m. program Monday, July 22, Bad Art: can you make the best bad art? The program is suitable for all ages.

On July 23 Cameron Zvara, a magician and entertainer will appear.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP WATER QUALITY REPORT

Plymouth Township's Annual Water Quality Report is now available. The report describes the source and quality of your drinking water.

The annual report has been required by law since the U.S. Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Act Amendments.

Most of the Detroit metro area, including Plymouth Township, receives its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Great Lakes Water Authority (formerly Detroit Water and Sewerage Department) operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the Township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents.

The report is available at http://www.plymouthtwp.org/Notices/PublicNotices/2018WaterQualityReport.pdf To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at (734) 354-3270 x 3. You may also pick up a paper copy at the Clerk's Office or Division of Public Services at Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, July 10, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold public hearings at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2019** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. BZA-2019-010; **Chief's Trucking** requesting variances from Section 11.17(b)(1)/8.04(a) of the Zoning Ordinance for outdoor storage to encroach into the required side yard setbacks; a 10 foot setback is required however the applicant is requesting that storage be located up to the property line on both the north and south sides. The property is located 6580 Inkster (Lot 4)/ #80-004-01-0004-000, and 6538 Inkster (Lot 3)/ #80-004-01-0003-000.

2. TEMP-2019-002; **Deranged Haunted Attraction** requesting temporary use approval for an outdoor haunted attraction with a walking trail and temporary structure from 9/13/19 through 11/2/19. The subject property is located at 35560 Goddard (Parcel ID #80-068-01-0027-002).

3. BZA-2019-011; **WH Canon Plant Nursery** requesting a variance from Section 11.17.b.(1) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow outdoor storage on a parcel that does not contain a building. The property is located at 37270 Northline (Parcel ID #80-079-99-0019-703).

4. BZA-2019-012; **Wayne County Airport Authority** requesting a variance from Section 48-7 of the Sign Ordinance to allow a 26'4" high, 180-sq. ft. (360 sq. ft. total area) scrolling, multi-colored changeable message sign. The subject property is located at 11050 Rogell Dr. (Parcel ID # 80-189-99-0093-000.)

5. BZA-2019-013; **M&K Truck Center** requesting a variance from Section 48-7 of the Sign Ordinance to allow a two wall signs where only one is allowed and to exceed the sign area allowed. The subject property is located at 29275 Citrin Dr. (Parcel ID # 80-047-99-0024-704).

6. BZA-2019-014; **Adams Outdoor Advertising** requesting a variance from Section 48-7 of the Sign Ordinance to allow a 71' high, 1,344-sq. ft. digital message billboard. The subject property is located at 36836 Northline Rd. (Parcel ID # 80-079-00-0019-702).

Copies of the applications are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2019 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

Application 1594, R78-058-03-0009-000, 8945 Mayflower, R-1 zoning district and is requesting one variance to construct a covered front porch that would reduce the front yard setback to 20 feet whereas 25 feet is required. Variance requested is five (5) feet.

Application 1595, R78-005-99-0009-710, 15075 Beck RD (Buddy's Pizza), IND zoning district and is requesting one variance to have two (2) wall signs on the same façade with a public means of egress whereas only one (1) is allowed. Variance requested is one (1) additional wall sign on the same facade.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 03, 2019

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Excused: Tina Talley.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-162 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 28, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner
4. Chairperson's Report
19-163 4A. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Deacon Eric H. Talley. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
19-164 5A. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for the Merriman Road asphalt resurfacing project between Ecorse Road and Van Born Road. The City's local share will be approximately $76,870.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-165 5B. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-27 to cover costs for utilities through end of FY 2018/19 as approved by the Library Board on May 20, 2019.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Municipal Library Fund				
Expense				
271-790-920.000	Utilities	18,400	7,000	25,400
Fund Balance				
271-000-390.000	Fund Balance	214,588	(7,000)	207,588

To cover costs for utilities through end of FY 2018/19 as approved by the Library Board on May 20, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
Clerk's Report
19-166 6A1. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve second reading/final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-26, Narcotic Forfeitures – State. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.
19-167 6A2. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to schedule a study session for Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the City Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-168 6A3. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the Executive Advisory Committee and reappoint Sheldon Chandler and Kenneth Mientkiewicz to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term to commence on July 1, 2019 and expire on June 30, 2022. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report
City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, attended a meeting with Wayne County Treasurer, Eric Sabree regarding home foreclosures. The ultimate goal is to help people who are struggling to pay their taxes; Mrs. Paige has information for anyone who is interested in the resources to assist taxpayers – call the Treasurer's Office at 734-942-7580.
7. Public Comment
A resident commented about large trees in a drainage ditch on his property.
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
Councilman Wadsworth commented on the 15 percent water loss; DPW Director, Roberto Scappaticci, informed that the water loss fluctuates between 14 to 15 percent and the City is implementing a commercial meter exchange as the current meters are no longer producing accurate water readings.
10. Communication
Councilwoman Abdo gave a reminder of the Romulus Historical Society's Flea Market on Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Historical Park. If interested in being a vendor, contact Cathy Morse at 734-941-6361.
11. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council meeting at 7:56 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 03, 2019.

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Inkster - Northville

Arts and Acts returns to downtown this weekend

The largest Arts and Acts Festival in the 10-year history of the event will return to downtown Northville this weekend, June 21, 22, and 23. This year, organizers said, the festival will feature more than 130 local and national artists and vendors during the weekend of arts, crafts, theater, literature, music, food and entertainment. With many restaurants, shops, and landmarks along the festival path, visitors will also find neighborhood venues to visit between viewing the vast display of arts.

"We have had an incredible response by artists and the community to the festival return to downtown Northville. This year will be bigger and more diverse than past years, with more than 45 returning exhibiting artists and 85 new artists and vendors. We hope to attract upwards of 25,000 visitors over the weekend," said Alexandra Teicher, festival coordinator.

After a one-year collaboration with Northville Township, the 2019 Arts and Acts Festival will be located on Main and Center streets in downtown Northville where it began a decade ago. The festival will open from 3-8 p.m. Friday, June 21; from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, June 22 and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 23.

> *This year will be bigger and more diverse than past years, with more than 45 returning exhibiting artists and 85 new artists and vendors.*

The festival will include the Art in the Sun Juried Fine Art Fair; Makers Mart of Northville; Young Artist Juried Art Fair; Northville Art House Chalk Festival; Short on Words Literary Contest; live model portrait drawing and painting; children's art activities and musical entertainment.

Arts and Acts brings together the community to celebrate the imagination, talent, art and cultural diversity of artists throughout the country, Teicher said. The festival is a completely free event to attend with food, drink, shopping, contests, and entertainment for visitors to experience. The festival is presented by the Northville Art House with the proceeds designated for public art exhibition and art education programs and services in Northville and the surrounding communities.

For more festival information, visit www.northvillearthouse.org.

Arts and Acts Festival sponsors this year include Michigan Landscape Design Services, The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James, Leaf Filter, Home Pro USA, Mike Miller Building Company, Renewal by Anderson, Raymond James & Associates, and WindowPro.

Holzer

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largest in the country and is one of the top 100 volume sales producers in the country, Ford officials said.

"The top 100 dealerships delivered top volume," said Mike Murphy, regional manager with Ford Motor Co. who presented one of the several awards to Holzer last week. "They are good-but great ones perform magic and magic happens here at Tom Holzer Ford every single day, not only on the sales floor, but in the body shop, in the service department and in every department. Magic is delivered."

In 45 years, the business has grown from the small site on Grand River where Tom Holzer opened his first dealership, to the large, modern, redesigned space at 10 Mile and Haggerty, dedicated to customer service. The dealership sold a total of 4,660 vehicles in 2018.

Last week, Holzer was presented with the 2018 Partners in Quality award from Ford Motor Credit, the most prestigious honor the company presents. Holzer was also named as a Top Volume Deader by Ford Motor Co. and was presented with the Ford Motor Credit Top 100 Dealer honor. She was taken by surprise with an official state tribute from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer along with an official proclamation from the City of Farmington Hills presented by Mayor Kenneth Massey commemorating her 45 years of business in the community.

"You never know if you're going to succeed," Holzer said. "Everywhere I look I see the people who make my job so great. These are the people I love and who support me. This is my home and I thank each and every one of my staff from the bottom of my heart.

"I will never feel like this again in my life," she said, obviously holding back tears.

Water

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will increase from $3.37 to $3.67, bimonthly. Refuse and recycling charges will increase from $38.20 to $39.60.

The refuse and recycling program is a weekly service that includes household trash pick-up, recycling and brush chipping, and seasonal fall leaves pick-up and composting. The service charge defrays the cost of reading meters and the billing process, according to officials. The meter replacement program replaces aging water meters throughout the city.

Quotes for Good

Inkster Legends benefit from new insurance company offer

Residents throughout the area now have the opportunity to help fund the 22nd Annual Inkster Legends Basketball Camp and the annual Christmas giveaway program.

Clayton Nissan of Clayton Nissan State Farm insurance is sponsoring the Quotes for Good program which will donate $10 to the Inkster Legends program for every insurance quote given. There is a limit of one quote per household but types of quotes include auto, home, business and life insurance or any combination of policies.

Applications for the Legends Basketball Camp which will take place Friday, Aug 2 and Saturday Aug. 3, must be submitted by July 15.

The free basketball clinics offer coaching and training in basic skills of the sport including shooting, passing, rebounding and defense, noted Director Fred Smiley.

The camps are designed for boys and girls ages 9 through 16 and are divided into classes by age. Lunch is offered after the early session and a dinner is provided following the second session before students are dismissed.

> *More information about the camps is available from Smiley at (734) 890-2478...*

Smiley said the State Farm Insurance quotes will an invaluable fundraiser, not only for the basketball camps but for the annual Christmas Giveaway when the Inkster Legends supplies Christmas gifts, clothing and groceries for 100 families.

For an insurance quote, contact Nissan at (734) 722-2670 or email Claytonnissan.com. The office is located at 2645 South Wayne Road in Westland. The offer is limited to new insurance clients only.

The basketball camps will host an awards presentation and all-star game on Aug. 3 at the Booker Dozier Recreational Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

More information about the camps is available from Smiley at (734) 890-2478 or by accessing the website at inksterlegends.com where applications can be found.

Inkster Commission on Aging provides transportation

The Inkster Commission on Aging provides transportation for medical appointments for seniors from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The senior transportation travels within a 7-mile radius of the City of Inkster.

Transportation is also provided for seniors every Tuesday to local grocery stores.

The suggested donation for rides is $2 round trip.

Information and ride scheduling is available by calling the Commission on Aging office at (313) 561-2650.

Program Director Denise Champagne recently outlined other transportation services available to seniors in Inkster and some other communities.

In a bulletin to seniors, she said a shuttle bus is available to bring seniors in Inkster to the Dozier Recreation Complex to participate in programs and events being organized by the Commission on Aging. The shuttle bus is in service from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There is no cost for the shuttle service in Inkster, she said.

Also available to Inkster residents is the Nankin Transit service which offers transportation to seniors and disabled residents of Inkster traveling into Canton Township, Inkster, Garden City, Wayne or Westland. The service is offered Monday through Friday, Champagne said, and the cost is $3 each way.

Residents who need rides and wish to use this service should contact Nankin Transit directly at (734) 729-2710.

Also available to seniors and those who are disabled is the SMART Community Transit service which offers transportation to those who may need to travel beyond the five communities served by Nankin Transit.

The SMART bus service is offered Monday through Friday and the cost is $1 each way. To inquire about the service times and availability, call (866) 962-5515.

Champagne added that those using Nankin Transit might be able to save money by using a program offered by the Inkster Commission on Aging. She suggested that seniors call (313) 561-2382 to inquire about a program that could save them as much as 50 percent on Nankin Transit fares.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

4 leadership changes are implemented in school district

When students return to classes in the Wayne-Westland Community School (WWCS) District next fall, they will see some familiar faces in new leadership roles.

Four leadership changes in the district were recently implemented, explained Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shelley Holt.

"We are excited for the fresh outlook and knowledge that these administrators will bring to their new roles," said Holt. "I look forward to continuing to work with these amazing leaders in supporting WWCS students and our community."

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Mark Watson will become the executive director of Employee Relations and Operations.

Watson was most recently the principal at Wildwood Elementary School where he had served in that position for three years. He earned a bachelors' degree in elementary education/social science and a master's degree in teaching kindergarten through eighth grade.

Watson said he is looking forward to serving the district in this new capacity.

Angela Szalai has been named as the new assistant principal at Wayne Memorial High School.

Szalai previously worked for six years as an educator in the Taylor Public Schools and brings an extensive resume of teaching experience, according to a district spokesman. Szalai is a graduate of the Wayne-Westland schools and said she is eager to leverage her unique background to support student growth.

Lindsay Rousseau has been named as the new principal at Marshall Upper Elementary School.

Rousseau was most recently the assistant principal at Wayne Memorial High School. Prior to serving in that capacity for seven years, she taught English language arts for students in the seventh to 10th grade for eight years.

She earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education, a master's degree in curriculum and instruction and a second master's degree in K-12 administration. Rousseau currently resides in Garden City with her husband and three children.

Christine Swanson has been named as the new principal at Wildwood Elementary School.

Swanson has been a member of the Wayne-Westland faculty for six years, most recently at Edison Elementary School.

Swanson said she is grateful to be given the opportunity to continue working with and supporting the students, staff and families of the Wayne-Westland Community School District. She said she aspires to make a greater impact on her students with her new leadership position.

Mark Watson

Angela Szalai

Lindsay Rousseau

Christine Swanson

Downtown Days in Wayne will include flea market

Downtown Days in Wayne will feature a flea market and community garage sale this year.

The event, organized by Wayne Main Street, will include vendors from throughout the Detroit area, according to Wayne Main Street officials. Organizers anticipate that numerous antique, vintage, and collectible stores will participate in the event this year and individuals and community members are invited to participate. Space is being offered for garage sale and craft vendors, according to a prepared statement from the group.

While space is available, the event is filling up fast. Organizers are planning to have nearly 50 vendors each day. The market will operate during all hours of Downtown Days, from noon until 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10. The market will feature various antiques, collectibles and artwork for sale.

"Our flea market is an excellent way of keeping the community members engaged throughout the event and provides a wealth of opportunity for our individuals and vendors to display their unique wares," said Paul Sposite a Wayne Main Street board member and chair of Downtown Days. Booth space is available for $15 for one of the two days or $20 to rent space for both days.

Vendors can find more information and purchase space at https://bit.ly/2wC3EHc or by calling the Wayne Main Street office at (734) 629-6822.

Wayne Downtown Days started in 2016 and has become the Wayne Main Street signature summer event. In 2019 Downtown Days will take place at Veteran's Plaza, 34841 Veterans Plaza, in the heart of downtown Wayne. This year is especially significant as the city of Wayne marks the sesquicentennial anniversary. To help celebrate this important milestone, Downtown Days will feature a 150th birthday celebration.

Downtown Days 2019 will also feature an exciting lineup of family-friendly live music entertainment, food vendors, the flea market/community garage sale, and a number of art-focused programs, including our Second Annual Art-O-Motive car hood contest, the Third Annual Window on Wayne photography contest, and the Detroit Institute of Art drop-in workshop.

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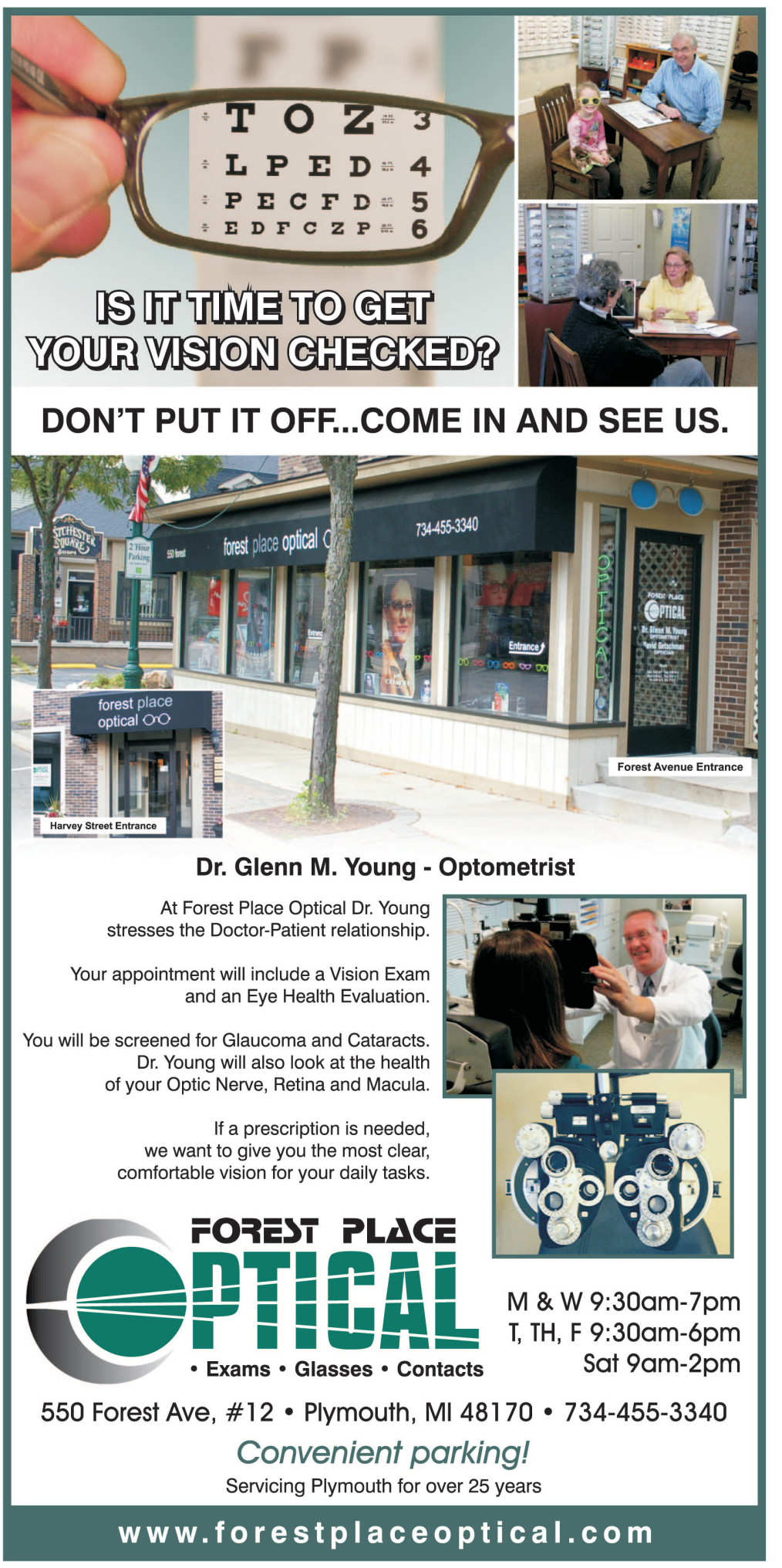
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Calendar of events

Inspire presents Leading Ladies

Inspire Theatre will present Leading Ladies, the story of two Shakespearean actors who find themselves performing on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania. They hear that an old lady is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long-lost English nephews. They resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. Trouble ensues when they discover the relatives are nieces, not nephews.

Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. June 21, and 22 and at 3 p.m. June 23 at Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road in Westland.

Tickets, priced at $16, are available at inspiretheatre,ticketleap.com. For more information, call (734) 751-7057.

Church plans car show

St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Boston will host a car show as part of the free Summer Blast celebration.

The event is planned for 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, June 22 at the church, 19109 Craig St. at the corner of Ellis Road one block off Sibley Road.

The day-long event will include a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, food, drink, games, face painting, a waterslide and the Huron Township Fire Department obstacle course.

For more information about the free event, call (734) 753-9083.

Firefighters host charity barbecue

The City of Wayne firefighters will host the 3rd Annual Charity BBQ from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. June 22 at the fire station, 3300 South Wayne Road.

The cost for the meal is $5 and will include a hamburger or hot dog, chips, drink and dessert. Entertainment will include face painting, a bounce house, ice cream and other attractions. There will also be raffles and a 50/50 drawing.

Advance tickets are not necessary.

Beer festival planned

Northville Chamber of Commerce will host the third annual Tapped in the 'Ville Beer Festival from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 22. The festival is a 21 and older event and will take place at Millennium Park (45769 Six Mile). It will feature local and regional breweries and visitors will be able to sample a vast selection of craft beers, enjoy live entertainment and there will be food trucks on site.

Admission includes 10 tasting tickets and a 12-ounce "Tapped in the Ville" mug. For tickets or for more information, call (248) 349-7640 or visit tappedintheville.com

Flowers Are Forever is Tuesday

The Trailwood Garden Club in Plymouth will present the 23rd annual "Flowers Are Forever" garden walk from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 25.

Guests can meet the homeowners, bring questions for the Master Gardeners and visit the perennial and garden treasure sale. Complementary refreshments will be served and a door prize will be awarded.

Admission is $10 and $12 day of the walk. Children younger than 12 are admitted at half price. Admission tickets will provide descriptions and directions to the five gardens and the perennial and treasure sale.

Tickets can be purchased at the Little Black Heart Boutique, Sideways and Specialty Pets. Online tickets and /or more information go to TrailwoodGardenclub.com; or call (734) 459-7146.

Library hosts Touch a Truck

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will host a Touch a Truck event from 10 until 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 25.

The event will take place in the library parking lot where several emergency vehicles, a police car, and others will be parked for close-up inspections.

No registration is required and all ages are welcome at the free event. The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland.

For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Picnic registration deadline near

Registration for the Inkster Commission on Aging Annual Picnic closes June 28.

The picnic will take place from 11:30 until 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 at Wheatley Park in the city. The park is located at the intersection of Penn and Beech Daly Road.

Call (313) 561-2382 to register for the event which will include a cake walk, bingo, a t-shirt for all registered participants along with a boxed lunch, games and fellowship.

For more information, call the number listed above.

Jazz at the Elks set

Jazz at The Elks takes place from 7-9:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge. There is a $10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Dave Tatrow Quartet will perform June 25. This versatile trumpeter plays the whole gamut of jazz and will bring a veteran band of musicians: Pat Cronley on keyboard, Kurt Krahnke on bass and Pete Siers on drums.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Police to show movie

Movie Night at the Inkster Police Department is set for 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 28.

The free event includes fresh popcorn, hot dogs and other refreshments. The movie is shown outside at the police department parking lot, so visitors should dress for the weather and bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

A vote is currently being taken to choose the first movie.

To vote, go to Facebook.com/Inkster Police.

The Inkster Police Department is located at 26279 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

Annual Flea Market planned

The Romulus Historical Society will host the Annual Flea market from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday June 29 at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St. in Romulus.

Vendors should furnish their own tables.

There will be a wide variety of items for sale.

For more information or to sign up as a vendor, contact Cathy Morse (734) 941-6361.

Philharmonic presents An American Salute

The first concert of the summer series in Plymouth will take place at 7 p.m. June 29 in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

An American Salute performed by the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra will be filled with patriotic music. Visitors to the free concert should brink their own blankets or chairs as there is no seating in the park.

Church offers summer camp

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Belleville will offer Stand Up Summer Camp from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursdays July 1 through Aug. 1.

The camp, designed for children in first through sixth grades will offer art, music and writing. The cost is $15 per week or $60 for the summer per child. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Older youth can volunteer as junior leaders, according to organizers, and adult volunteers are needed.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or registration, call (734)740-4230.

Kenny Parker Band plays

Blues at The Elks takes place from 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a $5 donation at the door and dancing is allowed.

The Kenny Parker Band with legendary Kenny Parker and Jim McCarty, both award winning musicians, will perform July 9. This popular band includes Parker and McCarty on guitar, Mike Marshall on bass, Dan Devins on harmonica and vocals, and Dave Marcaccio on drums.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth MI.

For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Bridges

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cally range between 23,500 and 29,500 GVWR, depending on seating capacity. Type D school buses, also known as "Transit-Style-engine behind the windshield," weigh between 25,000 and 36,000 GVWR. The gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) for school buses is the estimated total weight of a school bus that is loaded to capacity, including the weight of the vehicle itself, plus fuel, passengers and other miscellaneous items.

On June 10, Wayne County Parks received notification from the road commission that the repair work on the first of four bridges was complete and set to re-open. The bridges were initially slated for a complete rebuild after MDOT inspectors found stress cracks in the center slabs they said made the structures unsafe for both pedestrians and motorists.

In April of last year Wayne County Director of Roads, Mike Gorman, abruptly closed three of the four bridges located in Plymouth Township that cross the Rouge River along with another located in Livonia, near I-275.

It took the county almost nine months decide whether to rebuild or replace the bridges, complete design plans, conduct a competitive bid inquiry and find a contractor to start the work. A statement from MDOT officials said the identical bridges; all built in 1932, needed a complete replacement and were past their planned life span. The county opted for a repair, rather than replacement, according to Gunn.

The bridge located on Hines Drive at Haggerty Road is the first re-build completed. A second bridge located west at Hines and Woods Drive and third bridge located on Hines west of the Northville Road is set to re-open by the first of August, according to information provided by the county.

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